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SUBJECT: DEPUTY SECRETARY VISIT TO MANILA: DRAFT STATEMENTS

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FOLLOWING ARE TEXTS OF THREE PROPOSED STATEMENTS FOR DEPSEC VISIT.

### A. RUSH DEPARTURE STATEMENT

1. I HAVE JUST COMPLETED A VERY FULL AND INFORMATIVE DAY ON MY FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE PHILIPPINES. WHILE BRIEF, MY STOP HERE HAS NEVERTHELESS BEEN A MOST USEFUL EXPERIENCE. I CAME HERE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PHILIPPINES AND ITS ROLE IN ASIA, AND I LEAVE SATISFIED THAT I HAVE GAINED A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF YOUR COUNTRY, YOUR PROBLEMS AND THE PROGRAMS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT.

2. I HAVE HELD MEANINGFUL DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS. HE EXPLAINED TO ME HIS GOVERNMENT'S PLANS AND PROGRAMS, AND WE DISCUSSED THE VIEWS OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS ON A VARIETY OF BILATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS. I ALSO HAD THE PLEASURE OF MEETING SECRETARY ROMULO AGAIN, AND HE KINDLY HOSTED A LUNCHEON AT WHICH I WAS ABLE TO MEET MANY SENIOR PHILIPPINE OFFICIALS.

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3. IN THIS SHORT PERIOD I HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED BY

THE VIGOR OF YOUR NATION. I HAVE ALSO BEEN STRUCK BY THE INTEREST OF YOUR LEADERS IN DEVELOPING REGIONAL RELATIONSHIPS, PARTICULARLY THROUGH THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS, IN ORDER TO ASSURE PROGRESS AND PEACE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

4. PEACE HAS BEEN AN ELUSIVE GOAL DURING THE PAST TWO DOZEN YEARS. UNFORTUNATELY, FIGHTING CONTINUES TODAY IN AT LEAST TWO COUNTRIES WITHIN THE REGION. THE UNITED STATES CONTINUES TO HOPE THAT SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS AMONG THE DISPUTING PARTIES CAN BRING AN END TO THE DESTRUCTION AND LOSS OF LIFE.

5. PEACE IN ASIA REQUIRES THE EFFORTS OF BOTH THE MAJOR WORLD POWERS AND THE SMALLER STATES OF THE REGION. IN THIS CONNECTION, AMERICAN POLICIES IN ASIA HAVE TWO BASIC AND MUTUALLY REINFORCING PURPOSES. FIRST, WE SEEK TO BUILD A NETWORK OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND MUTUAL RESTRAINT AMONG THE MAJOR POWERS IN ASIA: THE UNITED STATES, THE SOVIET UNION, JAPAN AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA - THE NEXT COUNTRY WHICH I WILL VISIT. SECOND, WE INTEND TO PURSUE WITH OUR ALLIES IN ASIA THE GOAL OF THE NIXON DOCTRINE TO SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND BURDENS OF DEVELOPMENT AND DEFENSE. IF WE CAN SUCCESSFULLY ACHIEVE THESE PURPOSES, THEN THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION SHOULD BE ABLE TO DEVELOP FREE OF THE DESTABILIZING EFFECTS OF INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT.

6. THE UNITED STATES INTENDS TO KEEP A PRESENCE IN ASIA IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE EQUILIBRIUM WHICH NOW EXISTS. HERE IN THE PHILIPPINES THAT PRESENCE NOT ONLY SUPPORTS THE MUTUAL SECURITY ALLIANCE BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS, BUT ALSO PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE STRUCTURE OF PEACE THROUGHOUT ASIA.

7. JUST AS WE HOPE TO CONTINUE OUR CLOSE SECURITY ASSOCIATION WITH THE PHILIPPINES, WE ARE SEEKING TO IMPROVE THE ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF OUR FRIENDSHIP. AS YOU KNOW, THE LAUREL-LANGLEY AGREEMENT EXPIRES SHORTLY, AND WE HAVE BEGUN BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS OF ARRANGEMENTS TO SUCCEED

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THAT AGREEMENT. I AM CONFIDENT THAT THESE TALKS WILL REFLECT THE MATURE PATTERNS OF MUTUAL INTERESTS WHICH WE HAVE DEVELOPED AND WILL, THEREFORE, LEAD TO AN ENDURING AND SATISFACTORY RELATIONSHIP IN THE PERIOD WHICH PRESIDENT NIXON HAS DESCRIBED AS THE NEW ERA IN PHILIPPINE-AMERICAN HISTORY.

8. IN CLOSING I WOULD LIKE TO SALUTE THE STRENGTH

AND MATURITY OF PHILIPPINE-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP. I LEAVE MANILA DEEPLY APPRECIATIVE OF THE FRANK DISCUSSIONS I HAVE HAD AND OF THE WARMTH OF THE HOSPITALITY WHICH HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO MRS. RUSH AND TO ME. MABUHAY (PRONOUNCED MA-BOO-HI).

B. RUSH TOAST AT ROMULO LUNCHEON

1. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. SECRETARY, FOR YOUR KIND WORDS OF WELCOME AND GRACIOUS REMARKS.

2. MY PRESENT TRIP TO ASIA OCCURS AT A TIME OF TRANSITION AND CHANGE IN THE REGION. WE ARE SEEING THE GRADUAL FADING AWAY OF MANY OF THE INTERNATIONAL REALITIES WHICH CHARACTERIZED THE POST-WAR PERIOD.

3. AMERICAN POLICY IN ASIA TODAY HAS TWO BASIC AND MUTUALLY REINFORCING PURPOSES. THE FIRST IS TO BUILD A NETWORK OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND RESTRAINT AMONG THE MAJOR POWERS OF ASIA. THE SECOND IS TO PURSUE WITH OUR ALLIES IN ASIA THE NIXON DICTRINE GOAL OF SHARING THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND BURDENS OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND DEFENSE.

4. THE UNITED STATES HAS PLAYED A CRICIAL BALANCING ROLE IN ASIA. IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY REAPPEARANCE OF SEVERE INSTABILITY, WE SHOULD APPROACH FURTHER SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTIONS OF U.S. FORCES IN ASIA VERY CUATIOUSLY UNTIL THE CONTINUING TENSIONS IN THE AREA HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY DIMINISHED. WE MUST ALSO CONTINUE TO EXTEND ADEQUATE SECURITY AND ECONOMICASSISTANCE TO THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION.

5. WE SHARE WITH YOUR COUNTRY CONSIDERABLE INTEREST  
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IN THE STABILITY OF THE REGION. WITH YOUR COOPERATION, WE HAVE SEVERAL LARGE MILITARY FACILITIES HERE IN SUPPORT OF OUR MUTUAL SECURITY ALLIANCE AND PROVIDE MATERIEL ASSISTANCE TO YOUR ARMED FORCES. WE INTEND TO MAINTAIN THESE MUTUAL SECURITY PROGRAMS. WE BELIEVE OUR SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE PHILIPPINES WILL CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE TO PEACE IN ASIA.

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6. OUR ECONOMIC TIES ARE AMONG THE OLDEST AND CLOSEST OF OUR RELATIONS WITH THE PHILIPPINES. WHEN WE CELEBRATE 200 YEARS OF THE AMERICAN REPUBLIC IN 1976, WE ALSO WILL MARK TWO CENTURIES OF TRADE WITH YOUR PEOPLE. AS WE ALL KNOW, THE LAUREL-LANGLEY AGREEMENT EXPIRES THIS YEAR ON JULY 3. OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS ANNOUNCED SOME TIME AGO THAT WE WOULD SIT DOWN AND WORK OUT A MUTUALLY AGREEABLE SUCCESSOR ARRANGEMENT. WE ARE IN THAT PROCESS NOW, AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT OUR FUTURE ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WILL BE REGULATED BY ARRANGEMENTS WHICH TREAT THE ECONOMIC CONCERNS OF BOTH THE PHILIPPINES AND THE UNITED STATES IN A COMPLETELY EQUITABLE FASHION.

7. IN CLOSING, I WISH TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION TO SECRETARY ROMULO FOR THIS LUNCHEON AND FOR THIS GENEROUS UNDERTAKING TO EXPLAIN TO ME THE VIEWS OF THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT ON VARIOUS DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SUBJECTS. I WILL LEAVE MANILA THIS AFTERNOON WITH A BETTER APPRECIATION OF THE POLICIES AND NATIONAL INTERESTS OF YOUR COUNTRY.

8. MAY I ASK YOU TO RISE AND JOIN ME IN A TOAST TO HIS EXCELLENCY, THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES, FERDINAND E. MARCOS.

9. ONCE AGAIN I ASK YOU TO RAISE YOUR GLASSES FOR A TOAST TO SECRETARY ROMULO AND TO CONTINUED PHILIPPINE-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP.

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C. RUSH REPLY TO ROMULO FOR POSSIBLE USE AT AMBASSADOR'S

DINNER

1. SECRETARY ROMULO HAS BEEN GENEROUS INDEED IN HIS REMARKS. WHILE I WOULD LIKE TO REPLY IN KIND, I HAVE ENOUGH COMMON SENSE TO KNOW THAT I CANNOT PROPERLY COMPETE WITH THE EXPERIENCE AND POLISH OF THIS GRAND VETERAN OF ASIAN AND INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY. I MYSELF ARRIVED AT THE RIPE AGE OF 64 THIS PAST JANUARY, ONLY THREE DAYS AFTER THE "GENERAL" PASSED THE THREE-QUARTERS OF A CENTURY MARK. MR. SECRETARY, YOU MAY BE VENERABLE IN TERMS OF EXPERIENCE AND WISDOM, BUT I CAN SEE FROM THE PACE YOU SET THAT YOU ARE YOUNG IN SPIRIT. I HAVE MET MANY IMPRESSIVE PERSONALITIES IN MY LIFETIME, BUT ONLY A FEW HAVE GAINED THE STATURE WHICH YOU POSSESS.

2. MAY I ASK YOU TO RISE AND JOIN ME IN A TOAST TO SECRETARY ROMULO AND TO CONTINUING, WARM RELATIONS BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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